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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 865  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. Jeff Duke on his selection as the Rutherford County School System's Teacher of the Year for the Middle Level.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable educator is Mr. Jeff Duke, who has distinguished himself as a professional educator of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, he has recently been selected by the Rutherford County School System Teacher of the Year for the Middle Level, an honor most befitting his exemplary tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duke has served with distinction in the Rutherford County School System for six years; currently, he teaches the sixth grade at the Homer Pittard Campus School; and

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WHEREAS, Jeff Duke is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, seizing every opportunity to expand his education and teaching skills, he has completed the requirements for an Educational Specialist Degree; and

WHEREAS, consistently working to encourage his students to do their best and give their best, Jeff Duke's evident joy in working with young people has produced enthusiasm for learning among the students in his classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duke truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, he exemplifies the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Jeff Duke on being named the Rutherford County School System's Teacher of the Year for the Middle Level, commend his exceptional service to the young people of Rutherford County and Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.